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SOVIET AMBASSADOR SMIRNOV TOLD VAN SCHERPENBERG AUGUST 26
SOVIETS INTENDED PUBLISH TEXT KHRUSHCHEV LETTER ADENAUER
BECAUSE OF ALLEGED GERMAN PRESS DISTORTIONS CONTENTS LETTER.
SMIRNOV DENIED SOVIETS COMMITTED WAIT ADENAUER DECISION
BEFORE PUBLICATION.SCHERPENBERG IN TURN TOLD SMIRNOV IN VIEW SOVIET ACTION
CHANCELLOR FORCED CONSIDER LATEST KHRUSHCHEV LETTER MERELY
PROPAGANDA GESTURE AND WOULD HANDLE IT AS SUCH. (IN
EFFORT FORESTALL SOVIET PUBLICATION NOTE SINCE VAN SCHERPENBERG
UNDERSTOOD IT WOULD APPEAR AUGUST 29, KROLL DIRECTED
GIVE SAME MESSAGE ZORIN. HOWEVER, BY TIME KROLL GOT TO
SEE ZORIN, KHRUSHCHEV LETTER ALREADY CARRIED SOVIET PRESS.)SMIRNOV TODAY WAS GIVEN CHANCELLOR'S REPLY TO KHRUSHCHEV,
TEXT OF WHICH SHOWN PRESIDENT EISENHOWER YESTERDAY.GERMANS INCLINED BELIEVE SOVIETS DECIDED PUBLISH LETTER IN
EFFORT DISTRACT AS MUCH PUBLIC ATTENTION AS POSSIBLE FROM
EISENHOWER VISIT.HOWEVER, IF THAT IN FACT WAS PURPOSE, EFFORT FAILED COMPLETELY.
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EISENHOWER'S VISIT BONN.

INCIDENTALLY, SMIRNOV AND ZORIN BOTH DENIED KNOWLEDGE
POSSIBILITY SOVIET PUBLICATION KHRUSHCHEV MESSAGES TO DE
GAULLE AND MACMILLAN.

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